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The nation's former No. 1 spy says a nuclear arms freeze between the United States and the Soviet Union is essential to avoid mutual destruction.

Nuclear arms are "unusable" and the arms race "unwinnable," former CIA Director William Colby told a Fairfield University audience Monday night during a series on "the citizen and the nuclear arms race."

Colby said it was the best interest of both countries to put the brakes on the nuclear arms buildup and said a contract acceptable to both sides can be written.

Improved electronic and satellite intelligence would allow any treaty to be enforced, he said. Colby said the treaty could also be used by the United States to verify suspicious activity in the Soviet Union. He did not elaborate.

Colby said the U.S. government, and not Soviet propaganda, tipped the public against the nuclear arms race with its \$100 billion plan to put the new MX missiles on railroad tracks. The Reagan administration has not yet announced a decision on how the missiles would be deployed.

On another issue, Colby refused to criticize British intelligence over the exposure of a Russian spy. He said every country had its intelligence failings, including the United States, which convicted Alger Hiss of perjury while he was assistant to the secretary of state.

Colby headed the CIA from 1973 to 1976 and now works as a lawyer in Washington and advisor on international business. He said he is no longer consulted by his CIA successors.

The State

Ex-CIA Chief Backs Freeze

William E. Colby, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, endorsed Proposition 12, the nuclear freeze initiative on the Nov. 2 ballot. Colby told a Los Angeles press conference that the effort to freeze further development of American and Soviet nuclear weaponry was "a chance to put the genie (of nuclear warfare) back in the bottle."

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WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger today flew to California, where a nuclear freeze proposal has become an election issue, and denounced the idea from a church pulpit.

In remarks prepared for delivery at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Weinberger said a proposed freeze on production and deployment of nuclear weapons would make the world more dangerous. A copy of the speech was released by the Pentagon.

"A freeze now not only would not reduce the probability of war but would greatly add to the dangers we all face," he said.

He restated the administration's argument that a freeze would be a boon to the Kremlin, which he said has more nuclear weapons than the United States. He said the Soviet Union would never negotiate to reduce the number of these weapons once it had won such a frozen-in advantage.

Voters in California and several other states will cast ballots on non-binding freeze resolutions in the November 2 election. The freeze also is an issue in the Senate race between Democratic Governor Jerry Brown, a supporter, and Republican Mayor Pete Wilson of San Diego, a freeze opponent.

In the face of public criticism, the Brown campaign recently withdrew a controversial television ad attacking Wilson's stand on the freeze issue and picturing an atomic mushroom cloud.

A citizens lobby group announced in Washington today that California will be one of 10 states where it will air another television ad intended to defeat incumbent congressmen who oppose the freeze. The target there is Republican Don Clausen, who represents a northern district of the state.

A spokesman for the group, Citizens for Common Sense in National Defense, said former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Colby would endorse the California pro-freeze ballot measure tomorrow.

The spokesman said Colby would announce that he was convinced Soviet compliance with a freeze could be verified with existing U.S. surveillance technology.